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1. WE, TOO, WERE INTERESTED IN INSERTING A REFERENCE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE PROPOSED US-YUGOSLAV ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL WORKING GROUPS, BUT IN VIEW OF STRONG OPPOSITION TO ANY FORMAL U.S. COMMITMENT (EVEN TO A MEETING EVERY TWO OR THREE YEARS) BY TREASURY AND WITHIN STATE BY EB, WE SETTLED FOR THE GENERAL REFERENCE TO OCCASIONAL VISITS BY HIGH LEVEL OFFICIALS "AS NECESSARY AND AS AGREED." FURTHERMORE, WE WOULD PROPOSE TO HAVE EMBASSY BELGRADE EXPLAIN TO YUGOSLAVS THAT WE DO, INDEED, EXPECT THESE WORKING GROUP MEETINGS OCCASIONALLY TO BE THE FOCI FOR HIGH LEVEL VISITS.

2- IN THIS REGARD YOU SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT TREASURY  
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IS TENTATIVELY THINKING OF HAVING BLUMENTHAL STOP OFF IN BELGRADE AND PERHAPS ANOTHER EE CAPITAL) WHEN HE GOES TO MOSCOW (IN JUNE ?) FOR U.S.-SOVIET JOINT COMMISSION.

3. AN IG MEETING ON THE CEAUSESCU VISIT IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 20. WE (L/EUR, EB, H AND EE) HAVE HAD A MEETING ON THE WORK TO BE DONE TO PREPARE FOR A PRESIDENTIAL

DETERMINATION AND WAIVER UNDER JACKSON-VANIK AND FOR RENEWAL OF THE TRADE AGREEMENT. WE HAVE GIVEN OURSELVES SOME DEADLINES TO ENSURE WE GET EVERYTHING (INCLUDING KEEPING CONGRESS INFORMED) DONE ON TIME.

4. GEORGE VEST IS MEETING WITH PROTOCOL (DOBELL AND HAYS) ON THE TITO VISIT ON JANUARY 20. DARRYL AND I WILL ALSO MEET WITH DOD ON THE MILITARY COMMISSION IDEA. A TENTATIVE TASKING MEMO FOR S/S HAS BEEN DRAFTED. DUE DATES RANGE FROM FEB. 1 FOR A PREVIEW MEMO AND THE SECRETARY'S PARTICIPATION MEMO TO MARCH 2 FOR THE BRIEFING MEMO FOR THE SECRETARY. THE BRIEFING BOOKS ARE ASSEMBLED FEBRUARY 26 THE SECRETARY. THE BRIEFING BOOKS WILL BE ASSEMBLED FEBRUARY 26.

5. A VICE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO BUCHAREST IS INTERESTING BUT IN OUR VIEW NOT FEASIBLE BEFORE CEAUSESCU'S VISIT. WE COULD NOT EVEN DO THE STAFF WORK INTELLIGENTLY BECAUSE OF THE TITO AND CEAUSESCU VISITS. WITH REGARD TO A HIGH LEVEL PARLIAMENTARY GROUP, COMING FROM ROMANIA, IT JUST DOES NOT HAVE THE CLOUT THAT YUGOSLAV OR POLISH GROUP HAVE. WE WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY SELLING IT TO THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES IN ANNAPOLIS, LET ALONE THE CONGRESS. YOU WILL GET A SEPTEL ON GLIGOROV'S POSTPONING HIS TRIP BECAUSE, HE TOLD CONFIDENTIAL

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LARRY, IT COMES TOO CLOSE TO TITO'S OWN VISIT.

6. ON THE HUNGARIAN EMIGRATION ASSURANCES, WE HAD A RESPONSE READY TO GO LAST THURSDAY BUT DECIDED TO HOLD IT UP WHEN WE GOT SOME NEGATIVE SIGNALS FROM DAVE ROHR OF THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE STAFF. OUR MEETING WITH A GROUP OF THE COMMITTEE STAFF ON MONDAY, JANUARY 16, CONFIRMED THAT THEY HAD BASIC RESERVATIONS ABOUT LINKING ASSURANCES TO TWO DOCUMENTS (THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION AND THE COVENANT ON CIVIL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS) WHICH BOTH GOVERNMENTS HAD NOT FULLY ENDORSED. WE SUBSEQUENTLY HAVE DROPPED REFERENCES TO BOTH DOCUMENTS AND NOW HAVE A STRAIGHTFORWARD VERSION WHICH, I THINK, LEAVES US NEGOTIATING ROOM AND WHICH SHOULD GO OUT TO BUDAPEST TOMORROW. BARRACLOUGH IS PREPARED TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE HUNGARIANS STARTING FEBRUARY 6 IF WE CAN WORK OUT THE ASSURANCES SATISFACTORILY. YY  
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